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IN THE CLAIMS

1-91 (canceled)

92. (new) A medical or surgical instrument comprising a biocompatible bioinert material selected from the group consisting of a YTZP ceramic, a ZTPA ceramic and silicon nitride, wherein the medical or surgical instrument does not form iron particles during use.

93. (new) A medical or surgical instrument according to claim 92, wherein the biocompatible bioinert material is a YTZP ceramic.

94. (new) A medical or surgical instrument according to claim 92 in a form selected from the group consisting of a scalpel, a scissor, a saw, a drill bit, a thread cutting tool, a centering tool, a drill-jig bushing and a templet.

95. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 93, wherein said instrument is a scalpel.

96. (new) The medical or surgical instrument according to claim 94, wherein the biocompatible bioinert material is a YTZP ceramic.

97. (new) The medical or surgical instrument according to claim 95, wherein the tool is formed as a scalpel, saw, drill, thread cutting tool, centering tool, drill-jig or bushing.

98. (new) The medical or surgical instrument according to claim 95, wherein said tool consists of the biocompatible bioinert material.

99. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument consists of said biocompatible bioinert material.

100. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 96, wherein said instrument consists of said biocompatible bioinert material.

101. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 93, wherein said instrument consists of said biocompatible bioinert material.

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102. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 94, wherein said instrument consists of said biocompatible bioinert material.

103. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said use is a medical or surgical procedure.

104. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a scissor.

105. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a saw.

106. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a drill bit.

107. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a thread cutting tool.

108. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a drill-jib bushing.

109. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a templet.

110. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a centering tool.

111. (new) The medical or surgical instrument of Claim 92, wherein said instrument is a scalpel.